SERIAL STORY

Isolated Continent

A Romance of the Future

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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been united under one government with Prufient as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with President Prudent critically III. His death is hastened by the receipt of a had been united under one government with Prutent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with President Prudent critically ill. His death is hastened by the receipt of a message from Count von Wordenstein of Germany that he has at hast succeeded in penetrating the rays. Dying, he warns his daughter Astra that this means a foreign livasion. He tells her to hurry to the Island of Ciryne, but dies before he can tell the location of the place. Astra is nominated for the presidency by the continental party. Napoleon Edison calls on Astra, informs her that he was a Dupl of her father's, and promises to help her. He gives her a ring made of a newly discovered substance which, he says, will solve the problem of flying. Chevaller it is understand the secret of making gold in return for absolute disarmament and offers him the secret of making gold in return for absolute disarmament and peace. The chevaller is suspected of being an American. He is seized at night and carried off in an areoplane. Astra is inaugurated as president. She receives a message from Edison, whose long silence has worried her, that he has been a prisoner for two months on the Island of Heigeland and has just escaped. He announces that the confederated fleet of Europe has sailed for America. He promises to call on her the following night. Countess Rosiny, a spry, becomes a prisoner in hose of securing Napoleon's secret. She falls in love with him. She agrees to Join him in an attempt to escape. By the use of freworks he summons a curious flying machine which resembles a monster eagle. He escapes and sends his message to Astra. Edison calls on Astra as promised. He escapes and sends his message to Astra. Edison calls on Astra as promised. He escapes and sends his message to Astra. Edison calls on Astra as promised. He escapes and sends his message to Astra. Edison calls on Astra as promised. He escapes and sends his message to have been completed, but that he will give fuller in three

CHAPTER XV .- Continued. "Have you ever thought of the fu-

ture?" asked Napoleon, after a silence. "I have, Napoleon. I have thought, that when we have finished our task, when we have done the things my father wished done for the good of the United Republics, then we may retire to that little island where your mother lives, and rest and be happy until the end of our days. There your genius will create new, useful things that will make humanity happier, things that will help eradicate poverty and

"Dear girl! I have a premonition that the days you dream of are still far off; that those intriguers in Europe are planning and scheming and that when we least expect it, trouble will begin. For that reason, I believe it best to plan our marriage now. Some of the jesters over the ocean have already begun to discuss our sitvation with heartless cynicism."

They stopped and stood silent for a moment, then Astra leaned her head on Napoleon's shoulder and tenderly and lovingly she whispered:

"Your thought is my thought; I will follow wherever you lead."

In the meantime the aerodromone

was rapidly nearing Ciryne. Rositta had sat motionless for a

short time, her mind revolving all the details of her plan.

Santos sat with his hands on the wheel, eyes straight forward, watching the faint yellowish glow that marked the horizon. His heart throbbed with happiness. He felt the presence of the woman who was playing with him. "Mr. Duprel!"

The dreaming man turned toward the picture of his dreams, letting the bird fly its steady, rapid course.

"Will you answer me a question, Mr. Duprel?" she asked appealingly. "As many, countess, as you wish to

"First of all, please call me Rositta and I will call you Santos.'

Santos nodded. He had no more power to analyze her motives, he wanted to believe in the things that were happening.

"Were you ever in love friend Santos?" She looked impishly into Santos' astonished eyes.

"I never was before," he stammered.

"Then you are, now? Santos suddenly felt that weakness that enveloped him in the presence of the fair countess leave him; his deep love had made him brave.

"I am, countess! Hopelessly in love." His voice was pathetic, a ming-

ling of longing and despair. "Why hopelessly, my dear Santos?"

repeated the question.

"Because I dare to love you, you; is my case not hopeless?" Poor Santos trembled under the strain of the past half hour. All at once the despair, the sufferings and his untold misery were swept away in the wave of happiness caused by Rositta's arm about his short neck. He embraced the exquisite woman so ardently that she suffered, but she only replied with a sweet, sense-ensnaring smile. Santos declared:

"You have no idea what power you possess over me. I am your slave. You can make of me what you will, a hero or a traitor. I am ready to die for you."

It was not necessary for Santos to tell this. Rositta knew her power even better than Santos.

They were nearing Ciryne, and Santos tried to regain his normal composure. Rositta said gravely:

"Listen to me, my dear. We must be very careful what we do. I love you and I want our love to last as long as we live. You are all alone, but I have powerful connections and still more powerful enemies who would prevent our happiness. For that reason we must plan carefully and until that happy time comes, when we can slip away to that little home of ours, we must be discreet and cautious. Do not tell of our love. I will meet you whenever I can and

we will leave when the way is clear." "I am yours, my dear Rositta, but I know my happiness will betray my

The countess gazed straight ahead, her hand still nestled in Santos'. She continued:

"I have been all alone. The President, Mr. Edison and his dear mother have been very good to me, but I have longed for someone to be my very own. I have found you and now I am happy, indeed.'

Could Santos have seen behind that artful schemer's veil, he would have recoiled, horror-stricken. But he could only see the tender light in her eyes. and hear the loving words from her lips.

CHAPTER XVI.

A New Princess.

Napoleon found obstacles in the way of obtaining the property where he had discovered the desired cirynith. The German crown declared it was not for sale. He asked for a long lease, and the right to mine the Peak Suemeg, but that would conflict with the laws of Hungarian lease and rental rights.

Realizing that he never would ar rive at the actual working of the mine, unless he took a decided step, he paid a visit to the Count von Werdenstein personally.

This time he crossed the ocean in one of the newest English liners that made the trip between New York and Upon his arrival in Berlin he visited

his friend. Herr Kalmar, before he even sought a hotel. The German was very happy to see the man with whom he had so many pleasant dealings, and readily explained the political situation in Europe. He frankly would you think of being able to WHY SOME REPAIRMEN FAIL international disturbance; the people were happy, but the nobility, and, more particularly, the idle army and navy officers, were agitating the question of restoring the standing armies

and aerial and naval defenses. Napoleon listened gravely to the opinions of this brave and broadminded man who was doing all he could to enlighten the people. He knew Herr Kalmar was a perfectly trustworthy man, so he told him about his difficulties in obtaining Peak Sue-

the chancellor, notwithstanding his



"They Are Right, Count; Want Those Crystals."

defeat in American waters, has retained the kaiser's good will, and has, no doubt, delayed matters because he wanted to find out why you want the Peak Suemeg so badly. His spies are probably at work trying to ascertain the value of the Peak, so that he can

utilize it for his own purposes." Napoleon acknowledged this fact. Then you think the powers would not hesitate to undo all I have done, that they would gladly take up arms again, and wage battle in God's beau-

tiful, clear air?" 'I certainly do!" was Herr Kalmar's

emphatic answer. "That makes it all the more imperative that I carry out the pactum to the letter. I never could answer to history, if I were to break my oath." He sighed. "If war is carried into the air, if anyone should discover the secret of cirynith and the serodromone, dog has bitten me nine times.

She had laid her hand on his arm, and I I will find the means to confour them." His face expressed grim termination and Herr Kalmar respe ed him as a man more than a king

man of his word. The chancellor received Napoleon

very cordially. Napoleon stated his errand, brieff He told the count that he was anxio to gain control of the property Hungary that had belonged to the Schomburg Lithow estates.

The count was somewhat taken aback by this direct statement. He said, in his suavest manner:

"May I ask what causes your anxiety in regard to that property? To be perfectly frank, I sent my best analysts there to assay that neak, hoping to find the name of the mineral that interests you, but they do not find anything extraordinary. One of them mentions a peculiar quartz formation there that somewhat resembles the mineral used in manufacturing glass, but that is all they could find."

"They are right, count. I want, those crystals.'

"I shall do my best for you, but you know how imperfect our laws are in regard to estates that fall to the ve talked about the subject, I believe crown.

"Can you not make an exception in this case?"

The count shook his head doubtfully. "His majesty is the only one who could, and I am sorry to say that your

honor does not happen to have his sympathy." "Of course not; he thinks I have

clipped his wings!" This remark slipped out unexpectedly. He took leave of the count and looked up Herr Kalmar once more and told him many things that showed

the big German he was in Napoleon's confidence. Shortly after this he left for Eng-

but he was shrewd enough to surmise that they were connected with Napoleon's aerodromones, those wonderful birds that vomited lightning. Would still not do it. Here is where lots of to the man who waits," he thought, and made ready to report the result of doing the wrong thing is so great of his work to his majesty. of his work to his majesty.

As he was leaving the room, an attendant ushered in a bright-eyed little man, without announcement. The officer explained that he came from the Countess Rosiny and the chancellor's brow cleared.

took a package from his inside vest pocket and handed it to the count. He pocket and handed it to the count. He handwriting of the countess. He carefully opened the sealed envelope and sitting down before his desk he began to read:

"Sir: The plans you outlined to land have begun to develop. I will flow that even had I experienced a lot shortly, know a few very important of trouble I would not sacrifice for a had some experience.

"What do you think of them? What said that there was possibility of an | manufacture them, to fly on them the red, white and black flag, instead of the stars and stripes?

"You may fill out the papers that make the Countess Rosiny the Prin cess of Schomburg Lithow, and I wish you would have the estates in Germany and other countries transferred to me at once, as I want to take possession, particularly of the estate in ple, sometimes a fabric from one firm Hungary, in the near future.

Herr Kalmar said: "I believe that president of the international peace other, or both of these materials. It committee will interrupt us, but our is best to use one make of repair magreatest strength will lie in being terials for satisfactory results. ready for any emergency.

> "The time of action is almost here, but it is impossible for me to state the exact date just now. Under no circumstances can I tell the outcome until the papers of possession are in the hands of my legal advisers, Herren Konrad and Hans Schwab of Berlin. Upon their assurance that the title and deeds are in perfect condition, your excellency will hear from me further. With the best personal

regards, I am, as ever, "Your obedient servant,

"Countess Rositta Rosiny." The chancellor's feelings, after he had carefully read this letter were a mingling of satisfaction and distrust. He realized that the countess had cleverly taken command, and, notwithstanding her seeming servility, she was the one to dictate and the chancellor the one to obey. He glanced up at the little man who had brought the letter. He was standing stolldly

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Lazy.

"He was very lazy, Mr. Perkins." said old Mrs. Jones. "I must say my first husband was a very lazy man." "How lazy was he?" I asked.

"Well, he was so lazy, Eli, Mr. Jones was so lazy, that he wouldn't shovel a path to the front gate." "How did he get the path broken

out?" I asked. "Oh, he used to lay on the lounge and pinch the baby's ear with the nippers until the neighbors came rush ing in to tread down the snow."-Ell Perkins.

Futile Sacrifice, Cholly-What's the matter, Fwank

deah boy? Fwank-Oh, Cholly, Ethel tells me she loves another, Cholly-What hard luck, after your

devotion! Fwank-Hard luck! Why, Cholly, in the last six months her father's

HY ON CONFIDENCE

ar of Unexpected Things Cause of Trouble to Women Driving Cars.

TORIST GIVES HER IDEAS

Soon as Anyone Discovers How Near Impossible It Is for Things to Happen She Will Have Learned Her Lesson.

s has been said about worrynmely, that most of one's troubles ever happen-so the fear that a wom-In has in driving a car is not so much that as it is the fear of being afraid. At least that is the opinion of a wellnown woman motorist.

"From my own experience and the perience of other women to whom I most difficult thing a woman has to rcome in learning to drive a car is to be afraid of being afraid," says expert woman driver. "Probably sounds a little complicated, and easier way to say it would be that men as a whole, I believe, lack connce in themselves to handle the un ected, should the unexpected occur.

Much Advice Offered. "A lot has been said about driving. ach advice has been offered as to ant to do and what not to do. I be-We that good driving is simply a ate of mind, and that as soon as anyne discovers how easy it is to handle car and how near an impossibility it for an emergency to arise that canpt be met with little effort, when the Count von Werdenstein did not know the true value of these crystals, but he was about all but

> "Of course, one might know what to women fall as good drivers; their fear

Best Nerve Tonic. "I have yet to see any woman who has not been materially benefited by Briving. The fresh air, the co-ordination of eye, mind and muscle, the explaration of feeling that you are mas-The attendant was dismissed and the count motioned to a chair and asked the messenger to sit down. Instead of complying, the young man the count motioned to a chair and asked the messenger to sit down. Instead of complying, the young man the country of the powerful and yet that the country will answer your livery whim cannot help but have a deneficial effect on the nerves. In fact, beginning to the world. r of the powerful and yet tractable

ilevards, deserts and mountains. e fact that I have never had an acciof my pleasures of course, but I soiled Farm and Home. things in regard to the 'aerodromone, with one of which you, yourself, have and the joy of driving that I have experienced in my car."

Attempt Being Made to Use Materials From Two or More Concerns in the Same Repair.

A few repairmen are attempting to use materials from two or more concerns in the same repair. For examcuring at 40 pounds steam pressure for "Plans should be made to defend 40 minutes, with gum from another my undertaking, plans that will in- firm curing at 55 pounds for 40 minclude the manufacture of a flotilla of utes. This combination inevitably reaerodromones. I hardly think the sults in improper curing of one or the

CRACKS IN PORCELAIN PLUGS

Usual Cause of Trouble Is From Screwing Them Too Hard Into Cylinders-Other Causes.

Spark plug porcelains crack from variety of causes. A chance blow from a wrench while tightening, pulldropping the plug or a defect in manplug heats up and expands it cracks the porcelain.

ATTEND TO COOLING SYSTEM

Well to Drain Radiator and Flush Whole System With Water Where Solution Has Been Used.

When a non-freezing solution has been used in the cooling system during the winter, it is well to drain the radiator and flush the whole system with fresh water before hot weather arrives. If this is done it will prevent any sediment from such mixture gumming or interfering with the free flow in the water passage and the fine tubes of the radiator, writes S. C. Clark in Farm and Home. In the warm weather the liquid should be as fluid as possible and free from foreign substances, as the water circulation in the cooling system should then

be at its best. These "non-freezing" solutions are really not "non-freezing" at all, but are termed thus because they lower the freezing point of the water below any temperature liable to be encountered where the motor car is used. Solutions with low-freezing points also have low-boiling points, and it is not uncommon for them to steam at 30 degrees below the boiling point of water. Immediately when the weather becomes mild these solutions should be eliminated entirely.

KEEPING CAR POLISH BRIGHT

One Should Be Careful Never to Rub Sponge, Chamois or Rag Over the Surface of Body.

After a car has been properly washed and dried it should be well polished. Be careful never to rub a sponge, chamois or rag over the body when covered with mud or dust. A little grit will make ugly scratches.



Applying Polish With Sprayer.

There are many polishes made for this purpose and a can will last for one or more years.

The polish can be best applied with a sprayer. One of the small tin sprayers such as you use for spraying fly oil on the cows will save much time. After spraying the pollsh, the car should be rubbed with a soft cloth until the desired brilliancy is obtained. Don't be stingy with your cloths. Change them often as they become

LENGTHENING LIFE OF TOPS

Little Attention Now and Then Will Do Much to Keep It in Condition -Material Is Pinched.

The service and beauty of a motor top may be indefinitely lengthened with only slight attention upon the

part of the owner or driver. When folded for spring or summer use the top is most abused. Often the material is pinched by the bows or top fasteners and the fabric is stretched out of shape. Care in lowering the top can prevent this. An occasional brushing inside and out will keep the top in good condition.

Soap and water should be used to wash it to remove the accumulation of dust and grease spots. Gasoline must never be used for cleaning the rubberized cloth, as it dissolves the waterproofing preparation.

TOOLS COMBINED IN WRENCH

Eight Standard Wrenches, Screwdriver and Bottle Opener Held Together by Wing Nut.

Eleven tools are combined in one in a new wrench. There are eight standing too hard on the ignition wire, ard wrenches, an alligator wrench, a screwdriver and a bottle opener, in ufacture are frequent causes. But the four separate members, held together usual trouble is from screwing them by a wing nut and screw. The tool to too hard into the cylinders. As the be used is slid forward and the nut is tightened. The remaining tools form a handle.

AUTO BODY PACKED FLAT IN SECTIONS

REMOVING REAR SEAT SECTION BODILY.

space in shipment, is an idea recently introduced from South Africa, where it

originated. The parts are made with upholstery attached, and a few bolts hold

the sections firmly together without rattling, while the appearance is that of a

standard body. A four-passenger body of this kind reached the United States

in a packing case of only 66 cubic feet capacity, and it is claimed that this

form of construction will enable 12 packed bodies to be shipped in a box car

that would contain only six of the ordinary bodies .- Popular Mechanics Maga-

A motorcar body made in sections, so that it will pack flat and occupy little

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old.

"I began to grow worse as the days passed and finally I had to take to Mr. Smith. my bed where I remained for weeks. My head pained terribly and my back just throbbed. I was always dizzy and it seemed as if everything was whirling. Little black specks came before my eyes and I also suffered from painful and scanty passages of the kidney secretions. Everything seemed dark and dreary.

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"Sworn to before me." E. M. Johnson, Justice Peace.

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Thick.

A teacher asked her class to write an essay on London. She was surprised to read the following in one attempt:

"The people of London are noted

for their stupidity." The young author was asked how he got that idea?"

"Please, miss," was the reply, "it says in the text-books the population of London is very dense."-New York Globe.

Frenzied Finance. "I just thought of a great scheme,"

grinned the plumber. "Hand it to me and I'll eat it," re-

plied the thin carpenter. 'No, this is on the level."

"Yes-"

What it is all about?" "It is to get in touch with all the

paymasters in the country-"Yes-"And find out when the pay day comes."

each paymaster and see how many envelopes have not been called for." "Then I plan to take all the uncalled-

"Then, on the pay day I plan to go to

for pay envelopes and share them fiftyfifty with the paymasters." As he turned to go the thin carpenter shook his head and remarked sor-

rowfully: "And just to think, I used to know you when you were all right."-Exchange.



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